

**NJLA Children's Services Section Meeting w/ Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2018 @ 3:00pm  
Meeting Held through Adobe Connect**

**GSCBA Discussion**

**Lanora Melillo:** I think we are going to have a small group. I heard the YASS meeting ran long

**Pham:** Okay. Everyone is still in the GSCBA meeting too.

**Dana Skwirut:** We (GSCBA) are just about done here.

**Dana Skwirut:** We (GSCBA) have a question actually

**Dana Skwirut:** Can we create a new category for graphic novels?

**Lanora Melillo:** Dana - would you also separate out the non-fiction graphic novels too?

**Dana Skwirut:** No, it would just be fiction

**Lanora Melillo:** I think that would be okay. Most libraries have them separated out now. Do we need to vote on it? I can add it to next month's agenda to do a formal vote.

**Lanora Melillo:** Hi, everyone! I hope you are all having a great Friday! We are most likely going to be a small group since there are other NJLA meetings today and some of them ran late.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Hi, Everyone. Yes, the YASS meeting was long and it took a while to get back to work.

**Lanora Melillo:** Dana - if it needs a vote, then we can do that. If not then I don't see why you couldn't do that. I think it is a great idea and will help get kids to vote

**Dana Skwirut:** We think it's just a courtesy - we don't think it needs a formal vote

**Lanora Melillo:** :) Great. I agree... does anyone else have anything to add? Pham - you're president next year

**Pham:** I like the idea

**Dana Skwirut:** Awesome!

**Approval of Minutes from 1/26/18**

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, so let's start our meeting. I need two approvals for last month's minutes

**Pham:** Approved

**Lisa O'Shaughnessy:** Approved

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you Pham for running that meeting

**Pham:** No problem

**NJLA Annual Conference**

**Lanora Melillo:** I don't have any old business at this time to go over

**Lanora Melillo:** So, let's get right into new business.

**Lanora Melillo:** Pham... do you have any updates for the conference? I am working on creating promotional materials for the sessions that were approved

**Pham:** The following programs were approved by the Conference committee

**Lanora Melillo:** and I'll create Facebook events for them

**Pham:**

- **Social Justice and Children's Rights in the Library** -- Wed, May 30 (We will follow up on the exact timing of this year's preconference sessions!)
- **Do I Really Have to Talk to the Grown-Ups? Engaging Adults at Children's Events** -- Thurs, May 31, 4:10-5:00pm

- **School's Out for Summer...or is it? Homeschooling 101 for Libraries**, which will be held Friday, June 1, 11:30am - 12:20pm.
- **Kids' Summer Reading - Lose the Log!** -- Fri, June 1, 2:30-3:20pm
- **Discover ALSC's Notable (Outstanding! Distinguished! Just Plain Great!) Children's Books** -- Fri, June 1, 3:40-4:30pm

**Pham:** I think you had a few too right Lanora?

**Lanora Melillo:** We had a lot of things approved! I'll be co-hosting with Doug and Megan on **Full STEAM ahead - Social Justice in Programming**

**Lanora Melillo:** and the only other one is the graphic novel one which is not co-sponsored, but we will be going over YA and Children titles

**Pham:** That's cool

**Lanora Melillo:** Do you need help with volunteers?

**Melissa Mitchell:** I like the sound of **Do I Really Have to Talk to the Grown-Ups?**

**Pham:** We're also working with YASS and Technologies for a maker type luncheon

**Pham:** More information will come in the near future

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes, Megan - from Clark - I believe is sending out an e-mail next week

**Lanora Melillo:** She is coordinating it, I believe

**Lanora Melillo:** How are we on moderators?

**Pham:** We have a moderator for every panel.

**Lanora Melillo:** Yay!

**Lanora Melillo:** Do you have anything else to add Pham?

**Pham:** Nope. I'll keep everyone posted is anything changes

**Lanora Melillo:** Thank you!

### **Reports: Summer Reading** (\*\*full report at end of transcript\*\*)

**Lanora Melillo:** So, we will move on to the subcommittees

**Lanora Melillo:** Natalie did share her report with me. They have a new website

**Lanora Melillo:** The summer reading workshops are now open. You will have to create a new account on their website in order to register

**Lanora Melillo:** The dates are as follows:

- Monday, March 12th @ the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 16th @ the Mullica Hill Branch of the GCLS
- Monday, March 19th @ the Franklin Township Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 26th @ the Monroe Township Library

**Lanora Melillo:** Attendees are encouraged to bring a craft/program idea to share and any unopened incentives that they'd like to swap. There are still plenty of spots available for the Mullica Hill, Franklin Township, and Monroe workshops.

### **Reports – State Library** (\*\*full report at end of transcript\*\*)

**Lanora Melillo:** Great, thanks! Let's move on to the state library with Sharon :)

**Sharon Rawlins:** I sent a written report and it's too much to retype here. But, to go along with Natalie's report, I wanted to remind everyone that Chipotle is giving away coupons for summer reading again this year. However, if you go to their website, only libraries in communities where there is a Chipotle's located are eligible to apply. The website link is [www.chipotle.com/reading](http://www.chipotle.com/reading) and the deadline to apply is Feb. 28th.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Thanks to everyone who sent me their votes for themes for the 2021 SRP. The top ones were the one related to food; another was the one related to change and social justice and the last one was the one related to art. I submitted them and they will be narrowed down and all state reps will vote on them at the Annual Meeting.

**Sharon Rawlins:** REMINDER!!! The deadline to apply for the Best Practices in Early Literacy Award is March 5th. I only have one application so far and would love more.

**Lanora Melillo:** I always forget about it until I get your reminder e-mail

**Lanora Melillo:** Is it okay to submit something without photos?

**Lanora Melillo:** We are so bad about photos

**Sharon Rawlins:** The Early Literacy Workshop conducted by Betsy Diamant-Cohen is Monday at Old Bridge. Thanks, Pham for hosting! There's a waiting list still but I'm letting people know if they can still come as I get cancellations.

**Pham:** I'm excited to host it!

**Sharon Rawlins:** Yes, you can submit a Best Practices application without photos. If you win, then I ask for photos to go in the brochures.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks, I'll let my staff and my director know.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Only other thing I have is that Marc Brown will be at East Brunswick PL for Read Across America Day.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Oh, and if you want your director to appreciate youth services, you should urge s/he to attend a free webinar called For Director's Ears Only: 10 Secret Tips To Support Youth Services - hosted by U. of Wisconsin. Feb. 27th. I posted info on LLNJ.

Sharon Rawlins: There is one other thing - sorry!

**Sharon Rawlins:** I just wanted to let you know that I will be asking for volunteers for the Youth Services Forum planning committee soon. Someone just volunteered to be the Project Manager so that's good. It's a great opportunity to propose sessions that weren't accepted for the NJLA Conf.

**Pham:** Good, because I have a few

**Sharon Rawlins:** I don't have a date yet and don't know if it will be at Monroe or Monmouth County Lib.

**Lanora Melillo:** That's good to know. Thanks again :)

**Sharon Rawlins:** Welcome! I'm truly finished now :)

### **Reports – Garden State Children's Book Awards**

**Lanora Melillo:** So, the Garden State Book Awards just ended... I only have a few updates... the first is that they will be adding a graphic novel section

**Lanora Melillo:** and if you haven't gotten their winners, Robin Rockman e-mailed them

- The Fiction Award goes to Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- The Early Reader Award goes to I Will Take a Nap! by Mo Willems
- The Fiction Series Award goes to Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School by Jeff Kinney
- The Non-Fiction Award goes to Gingerbread for Liberty by Mara Rockliff and illustrated Vincent X. Kirsch

**Lanora Melillo:** Please let me know when you're ready

**Dana Skwirut:** We have our new ballots ready and will send them out shortly :)

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks, Dana!

### **Reports – Books for Kids**

**Lanora Melillo:** So, this week- we finally talked about Books for Kids and we have decided to put the program on Hiatus

**Lanora Melillo:** Until we sort of an alternative to delivery options.

**Lanora Melillo:** The website is in the process of being update to reflect this

**Lanora Melillo:** Carol Levin has retired, so Antonette D'Orazio will be the contact person for now

### **Reports – Public Policy**

**Lanora Melillo:** For public policy, we do not have any updates

**Lanora Melillo:** Unless someone has something they would like to share

**Dana Skwirut:** I have nothing

### **Reports – NJLA Executive Board**

**Lanora Melillo:** I didn't add on the agenda, but Lisa did get a report from the Executive Board

**Lanora Melillo:** Did you want to share? I have notes if you want me to

**Lisa O'Shaughnessy:** They had a positive conversation with Library Link NJ at their Feb. meeting to see how they could support them if anything like the current delivery situation happens again'

**Lisa O'Shaughnessy:** They are going to vote in their April business meeting to switch from an audit to a financial review. This is supposed to save money and they need as many people as possible to attend

**Lisa O'Shaughnessy:** and other than that, they are just prepping for conference

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks, Lisa!

### **Reports – Performer's Showcase**

**Lanora Melillo:** Okay, the next update we have is the Performer's Showcase. Jess needs suggested performers to contact. We are going to create a survey monkey and send it out next week where you can share your favorites

**Lanora Melillo:** If anyone is interested in volunteering to help her organize information [jbauer@sclibnj.org](mailto:jbauer@sclibnj.org) is her e-mail

**Lisa O'Shaughnessy:** I am great I'll email her.

**Lanora Melillo:** Awesome.

**Sharon Rawlins:** Thanks. This will be helpful to know because the summer reading committee also recommends performers for summer programming.

**Lanora Melillo:** Yes, I did share Liz's e-mail with Jess

**Lanora Melillo:** Hopefully they can connect

**Sharon Rawlins:** I think they already have :)

**Lanora Melillo:** Great!

### **Elections**

**Lanora Melillo:** The last thing that I have on our new business is the candidates - Melissa, do we still need more people?

**Melissa Mitchell:** Sorry, yes we need someone for Sec/Treasurer

**Melissa Mitchell:** We have 2 candidates for M@L and one for 1st VP

**Melissa Mitchell:** Should I put in names?

**Pham:** And if anyone else wants to throw their name into the Vice President position that would be good too

**Melissa Mitchell:** Yes.

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks. I will send another e-mail to the LUCC librarians as well

**Melissa Mitchell:** Ok, thanks

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks, everyone! We are now done with our new business. Does anyone have anything else to add?

**Colleen Affrime:** What's LUCC?

**Lanora Melillo:** Union County Library group

**Lanora Melillo:** If any of you are in LMXAC, Morris, BCCLS, etc. - it would be great to share

**Melissa Mitchell:** LMX knows

**Pham:** Oh they definitely do know! Melissa and I have spoken numerous times about it

**Melissa Mitchell:** And got a candidate thereby

**Lanora Melillo:** Haha thanks :)

**Dana Skwirut:** I can post to Morris

### **Good of the Order**

**Lanora Melillo:** Our next meeting is listed on the agenda... I did talk to Marissa and she said the workshops will end around 1pm, so we will meet around that time.

**Lanora Melillo:** Our next meeting is 3/16 - I know it might be far for some, but I wanted to have at least one of our meetings in South Jersey. I am going to try to get a Google meet up

**Jen Fitzgerald 2:** I don't think I'll be able to make that one. The distance isn't a problem but the date is

**Lanora Melillo:** That's okay! If I can get it online, I'll share the link

**Lanora Melillo:** Thanks everyone for joining me. I don't have anything else to add, but I do thank you all for helping make these meetings possible.

The **Summer Reading Committee** last met on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ the Franklin Township Library in Somerset. During this meeting committee members presented their material for the workshops. As always, there are a lot of great ideas.

### **In other news...**

Our new website is live!!! Even though it's at the same address ([njsummerreading.org](http://njsummerreading.org)), people will need to re-register for the site in order to gain access. Once registered, you can sign-up for a workshop directly on the site.

Once again, workshops will be on

- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> @ the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> @ the Mullica Hill Branch of the GCLS
- Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ the Franklin Township Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ the Monroe Township Library

Doors open @ 9:30. The workshop runs from 10am – approximately 2pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a craft/program idea to share and any extra un-opened incentives that they'd like to swap. There are still plenty of spots available for the Mullica Hill, Franklin Township, and Monroe workshops.

Questions? Feel free to email [njlasummerreading@gmail.com](mailto:njlasummerreading@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
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NJ Summer Reading Co-Chair



## **NJSL Report for CSS Executive Board Meeting, February 23, 2018**

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library

### **Statewide Summer Reading Program**

Chipotle coupons available again for the 2018 Summer Reading Program. Interested libraries must fill out the online application found here [www.chipotle.com/reading](http://www.chipotle.com/reading) by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Suggestions for 2021 Theme for Statewide Summer Reading Program**

Thank you to all who voted to narrow down the themes from all over the country that were suggested for the 2021 CSLP Summer Reading Program. It will be one theme for all ages for 2021. Salina Yoon (<http://salinayoon.com>) has been selected as our artist for 2021. Her works include *Duck, Duck, Porcupine!*, *Be a Friend*, *Found*, *Opposnakes*, *Kaleidoscope*, and the *Penguin* series. NJ can only submit 3 suggestions from this list that will be voted on by all the State Representatives at the Annual Meeting in April. I have compiled the responses I received as of Feb. 22. **The top vote goes to theme #4: Change the World/Social Justice/Unity/Kindness/Inclusion/Change/Diversity/Equity/Make a Difference/Embrace Different Culture. The next 2 votes are a tie – for theme #2: Art/Visual Arts/Theater/Creativity/Imagination/DIY/Maker and theme #6: Food/Cooking and Culture.** The next highest votes were for theme #1: Animals (zoo/farm/pets/nature/exotic/habitats/wildlife/safari) and theme #3: Ecology/Environment/Nature/Outdoors/Jungle/Environmental Awareness and Conservation. All theme suggestions got at least two votes. I'll let you know what the ultimate winner is in April!

### **CSLP Flyer on Why Summer Reading is So Important**

CSLP has created a flyer that helps demonstrate the importance of summer reading. It has some good information on the front, and has a space on the back where you can put information on your upcoming programs, stats from last year's program, or additional summer reading facts. CSLP tried to keep it generic enough to be used by as many people as possible.

Here is a link to the CSLP page with both versions of the file:

<https://www.csleads.org/flyer-why-is-summer-reading-at-the-library-important/>

### **Statewide Summer Reading Workshops-Registration Open**

The Summer Reading Committee is heading out across the state to help you prepare for your best summer ever.

The workshop dates are:

- Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Wayne Public Library
- Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mullica Hill Branch of the Gloucester County Library System
- Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Township Public Library in Somerset
- Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Monroe Township Public Library

Each workshop runs from 9:30am-2:00pm and is full of inspiring ideas for all ages presented by our committee members.

### **2018 Best Practices in Early Literacy Award – Deadline to Apply March 5th**

The New Jersey State Library is accepting applications for the annual Best Practices in Early Literacy Award. The award honors up to four outstanding public libraries that currently provide exemplary literacy programs for children from birth to six years, their families and caregivers. The award provides a \$1,000 honorarium, a certificate, and promotion of the winning library as a model program for other libraries. The winning libraries will be honored during the State Librarian's Breakfast on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at the 2018 NJLA Conference at Harrah's in Atlantic City. To apply, please go to the [NJ State Library's website](#) to find the links to the application form and award guidelines on the page. The **deadline to apply is Monday, March 5, 2018**. Questions? Contact Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org).

### **Early Literacy Workshop, February 26, 2018 – Waiting List Only**

The free early literacy workshop, sponsored by the State Library, for public library children's librarians or public library staff who work with young children now has a waiting list. This workshop, called *Play Your Way to Literacy and STEM*, led by Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen of *Mother Goose on the Loose*, will be held on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 from 10 am – 4:30 pm at the Old Bridge Public Library. If you have received a confirmation but cannot attend, please let Sharon Rawlins, [srawlins@njstatelib.org](mailto:srawlins@njstatelib.org) know immediately.

### **CSLP – 2018 Summer Reading Manuals – Reminder that all libraries are only getting online access to the manuals**

I have had a number of people contact me to ask where their manuals are. All public libraries should have received a packet through the statewide delivery system in late October or early November that contained a cover letter explaining that they would only get the 2018 summer reading manual online for next year. The packet also contained printed instructions for accessing the online manual, a printed Upstart incentives catalog, and a flyer from Scholastic with discounted book titles for 2018's summer reading program. The packet's label was addressed to "Summer Reading Coordinators." Please check that you received it. CSLP has created a helpful YouTube video [https://youtu.be/9y\\_o1DAvCEk](https://youtu.be/9y_o1DAvCEk) on accessing the online manual, which has improved searchability for 2018.

### **Other Organizations & Events:**

#### **Marc Brown at East Brunswick P.L. on National Read Across America Day**

The East Brunswick Public Library Foundation celebrates National Read Across America Day by hosting a special author visit with Marc Brown, the creator of the best-selling "Arthur" book series, at the East Brunswick Public Library (2 Jean Walling Civic Center) on Thursday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

[https://patch.com/new-jersey/eastbrunswick/author-kids-arthur-books-coming-east-brunswick-library?utm\\_content=buffer9a46b&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](https://patch.com/new-jersey/eastbrunswick/author-kids-arthur-books-coming-east-brunswick-library?utm_content=buffer9a46b&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

### **Share This With Your Library Directors:**

#### **For Director's Ears Only: 10 Secret Tips To Support Youth Services – Free Webinar on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm (EST)**

*Marge Loch-Wouters ('76) is a consultant and educator who brings to her work over 40 years of experience as a public library and library system youth librarian, manager and listener.*

Great youth services happen in libraries where staff and community recognize the importance of supporting youth and their literacy, learning and discovery needs. Youth library staffers often have strong thoughts about what would help them be more effective advocates for youth and youth library services but may not be able to articulate them or need support to make them happen. Join a seasoned youth librarian and consultant to explore ten different ways you can support your youth services and create an even more powerful place in your community's heart!

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